

NEWS RELEASE

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FIVE ARRESTED AFTER SHOOTING FROM VEHICLE

BEALETON – Deputies responded to numerous reports of rapid gunfire on Savannah Branch Road on Sunday night, resulting in the arrest of five individuals from the Henrico County/Richmond area. Citizens reported hearing the gunfire and observing a vehicle in the area on Sunday, July 12, 2020, at approximately 6:00 p.m. Several citizens reported observing a gold in color SUV and the occupants discharging a firearm from the windows. One citizen was able to follow the SUV and obtain a tag number.

The SUV was eventually stopped by the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office on Rt. 17/Warrenton Road at Banks Ford Parkway. The occupants of the SUV were transported back to the Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office as part of the investigation.

Detectives charged the following:

Alfonso Gonzalez Lopez, 23, Henrico, Va. reckless handling of a firearm and shooting from a vehicle.

Brallan Rene Esparaza-Esparaza, 22, Richmond, Va. reckless handling of a firearm and shooting from a vehicle.

Juan Fernando Vieyra Rojas, 24, Henrico, Va. reckless handling of a firearm and shooting from a vehicle.

Leslie Eugenia Carrera-Diaz, 24, Henrico, Va. reckless handling of a firearm and shooting from vehicle.

Luis Orlando Gutierrez Castillo, 37, Richmond, Va. was taken into custody by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

It is alleged these individuals fired an AK-47 style firearm from the SUV while driving on Savannah Branch Road. The individuals had apparently attended an event on Sumerduck Road near Remington on Sunday.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the FBI, Homeland Security Investigations and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.



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